

**Training** 

Date of Training: November 18, 2015
Place: Davidson County Juvenile Court
Courtroom D

CLE Agenda

Training called by: JJ Group Presenters:

Hon. Sheila Calloway, Judge Kathryn Sinback, Court Administrator

Facilitator:

Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

Attendees: Attorneys who represent juveniles, court staff, and judge's staff

Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. November 18, 2015

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# Davidson County Juvenile Court: Programs, Policies, Procedures and Ethical Considerations

### Part I:

## **Update on Court Programs and Policies:**

New programs including new assessment process, discussion of confidentiality and use of your client's assessment

Overview of the court staff and who to go to for assistance (ex: Interpreter

- b. services, transport order, fee order) Introduction of new staff members and what their roles are.
- C Overview of Court policies and docket update

## Part I:

#### **Current Issues with a focus on Ethics:**

#### a Client Issues

- 1. Dealing with a client with diminished capacity (Rule 1.14 Client with Diminished Capacity)
- 2. Terminating the attorney/client relationship (Rule 1.16 Declining or terminating representation)
- 3. Communication with an unrepresented party (4.3 Dealing with an unrepresented person)
- 4. Using Your Best Words Respect for all parties (Rule 4.4)

# b. Court Issues

- 1. How can cases be specially set, How to get a continuance (not via the clerk) and when is it appropriate (Rule 3.2 Expediting Litigation)
- 2. Being prepared for your trial
- 3. Use of electronics at court
- 4. Best Behavior (rule 3.5 Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal, Rule 3.4 Fairness to Opposing Party and Counsel)
- 5. Your Word is your bond (Rule 3.3 Candor toward the Tribunal)